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The present invention is a gas turbine engine including an electrical machine (electric generator) integrated with the engine's rotor and casing structure. Such devices are known in the prior art, but the prior art devices do not include the specific details of the electrical machine in the claimed invention. None of the references of record disclose or fairly suggest a turbine engine comprising magnetically permeable material in the turbine rotor blades, circumferentially spaced stator slots in the turbine casing, a coil in each slot arranged such that the coils are in at least two phases, and each coil further arranged to form a loop as described in lines 8-12 of independent claim 16. The claims are therefore considered patentable.

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